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HOBART ON THE HORIZON!

G'DAY, IAMSLIC!

Submitted by Jane Barnwell, Conference
Convener, President-Elect 2004-2005

The 30th IAMSLIC Conference, hosted by CSIRO Marine Research and our Past President, Denis Abbott, will be held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia 5-9 September 2004. Please join us!

The theme of this year's IAMSLIC conference is "Voyages of Discovery: Parting the Seas of Information Technology." On behalf of the entire Conference Committee, most especially the Program Committee, I would like to invite you to the conference in Hobart. In fact, we encourage each and every member of IAMSLIC to consider making your own voyage of discovery to, arguably, the most beautiful and wild corner of Oz!

We will be joining the Polar Libraries Colloquy (PLC) on Wednesday 8 September for a combined morning of papers and posters, followed by an afternoon site visit to the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD). Dr. Andie Smithies, Librarian at AAD, is hosting the PLC program segment along the theme of "Polar and oceanographic information in the 21st century."

On 2-3 and 10 September, the Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (GEMIM) will be meeting, with GEMIM members attending IAMSLIC as well.

The Program Committee is especially pleased to inform the IAMSLIC membership that we have confirmed participation in the conference from many of our members (many new and some old!) from the Pacific Islands and Asia. All told, members who will be attending the conference in Hobart include delegates from at least the following countries: Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, The Gambia, Germany, India, Mexico, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Philippines,

Samoa, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Thailand, USA, Vietnam. In these final days of preparation, we hope to confirm even more attendees from our global membership!

I would like to entice you further by pointing out just a few of the many exciting highlights from our program:

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. James Bowen, who has recently published *The Great Barrier Reef: History, Science, Heritage*. Two scientists from CSIRO Marine Research will be speaking to us during the conference about their research projects, Alistair Hobday and Karen Gowlett-Holmes.

In response to previous conference evaluations, the Program Committee asked IAMSLIC members (and experienced grant writers) Stephanie Haas and Jean Thoulag to conduct a special workshop on grant writing. This session will be held during lunch on Tuesday.

The first day of the conference will offer sessions which the Program Committee feels highlight the "past and future" aspects of our conference theme, starting off with Denis Abbott and Marthe Melguen, Head of the La Perouse Library emphasizing the historic aspects of "voyages of discovery" in their paper entitled "French Voyages of Exploration and Science in the Age of Enlightenment: An Ocean of Discovery Throughout the Pacific Ocean." We will then follow with a panel of librarians from the Pacific Islands. The afternoon will feature a large panel addressing the conference theme of "parting the seas of information technology" with Eleanor Uhlinger leading the session on "Preserving Our Institutional Intellectual Property."

The conference web site provides up to the minute details and travel planning information:
<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsclibrary/2004iamslic/2004home.htm>

In closing, I would like to share with all of you why this year's conference in Hobart is so special to me personally. During World War II my father, Jack Barnwell, served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He died in 1963 when I was in second grade, but one of my memories of him includes listening to his stories of all the places he visited during that time aboard ship, and the place he described as the most beautiful he had ever seen was Tasmania. It is a dream come true for me to be able to see this place for myself. For everyone who is able to travel to Hobart this year, I sincerely hope it will hold similar special significance to you. See you in Tasmania!

GUIN AUCTION AT HOBART

For those who are attending the IAMLIC conference for the first time, the Guin Auction is a silent auction held during the IAMLIC conference each year. You will be given a secret code to use as a bidder. Items will be displayed for several days and you may write your bid beside an item that you would like to have. Of course, you must check your bid often to be sure that someone else has not bid higher than you. At the end of the conference the highest bidder takes each item.

PLEASE bring something fun to include in the auction!

Past contributions include books, jewelry, clothing items, foods (like coffee and chocolate), regional alcohol specialties, artwork, almost anything that comes from your country or region or that has an aquatic or nautical theme.

Proceeds from the auction are added to the Guin Fund which is used to help defray IAMLIC Conference travel costs for members from developing nations.

IAMSLIC's NEWEST DIGITAL ENDEAVOR- a Web portal



Join us in building IAMLIC's newest resource-- [AQUA TERRA](http://cwis.fcla.edu/iamslic/), a web portal at <http://cwis.fcla.edu/iamslic/>

The purpose of this resource is to capture metadata related to electronic resources of interest to the clientele and managers of marine and aquatic science libraries and information centers.

In cooperation with the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA), the ad hoc IAMLIC web portal group is testing the CWIS portal software developed by the University of Wisconsin and the National Science Foundation.

This OAI compliant program was created to allow the rapid development of subject specific web portals that could be integrated into the National Science Digital Library and that will provide harvestable metadata.

The software was loaded by FCLA in June, and the efforts of Steve Watkins, Janet Webster, Dan Belich, Stephanie Haas, and staff at FCLA have resulted in a functional input template and a searchable database. Steve Watkins has loaded ASFA subject headings to be used in the records, and Janet Webster has developed the first draft of higher-level subject categories used to broadly group the records. LC subject headings can also be used in the record metadata.

Ruth Gustafson has taken the lead on setting up a listserv for all contributors to the portal. At present, it is limited to registered contributors.

A quick start guide to registering and becoming a contributor is available from [Stephanie Haas](mailto:haas@uflib.ufl.edu). [haas@uflib.ufl.edu] or [Daniel Belich](mailto:dbelich@oeb.harvard.edu) [dbelich@oeb.harvard.edu]

We invite all IAMLIC members to contribute to building this resource. To populate this resource, we are asking all participants to contribute one hour per week for the first year.

Aqua Terra is envisioned as another step in building IAMLIC's digital architecture. Once a critical mass of records are available, we will be looking at a harvester to collect OAI compliant metadata from sites such as IOC's OceanPortal, Sea Grant's digital collection, and NOAA's developing portal initiative.

Dan Belich and members of the ad hoc committee will present a report on the beta testing at the Hobart conference.

RESOURCE SHARING, submitted by Ann Devenish and the Resource Sharing Committee

The Resource Sharing Committee has posted another tutorial to the IAMLIC web site. The Resource Sharing ILL Tutorial (PowerPoint) is found at http://www.iamslic.org/publications_papers/resourcesharingill.ppt

The Resource Sharing Committee announces a Spanish language version of the Resource Sharing Searching Tutorial is now available on the IAMS LIC web site. The Committee expresses "muchas gracias" to translators Guillermina (Gabi) Cosulich (Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Desarrollo Pesquero, Biblioteca) and Jose Garnica (FAO) for making this translation possible. The Spanish version is available at

http://www.iamslc.org/publications_papers/IAMSLIC_Z39.50_Distributed_spanish.ppt

THE GUIN FUND AT WORK,
submitted by Barbara Butler, the Membership Committee and the Guin Fund Committee

Please take an opportunity to welcome and introduce yourself (albeit electronically) to three new IAMS LIC members who are currently being sponsored by the Guin Fund.

From Thailand: Somjai Khunjareon (2004-2006)
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From China: Linian Li (2004-2006)
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From Cambodia: Him Bunthay (2005-2006)
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The Guin Fund also sponsored a \$1000 award to Geoffrey Salanje to organize a database management and searching workshop for a consortium of aquatic science librarian in Malawi. Finally, the Guin Fund awarded \$700 to the Latin American Regional Group for the purchase of two ILL scanners.

MEMBERS & THEIR LIBRARIES

VICTORIA WELBORN has been appointed science librarian at Furman University, Greenville, SC, where she will play a major role in planning a science library. She formerly served as ocean sciences/biological sciences librarian and headed the Science & Engineering Library at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Construction has started on the **Marine Biology Building** at Florida International University's Biscayne Bay Campus in North Miami, FL. Completion is expected towards the end of 2005.

VIMS Library re-named Hargis Library

In a dedication ceremony held August 2, 2004, the Library of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science was named in honor of Dr. William Jennings Hargis, Jr.

Dr. Hargis, Emeritus Professor of Marine Science, was the Director of VIMS during the period of 1959-1981, and the first Dean of the School of Marine Science of the College of William and Mary. His scholarly contributions, which have focused on marine science, the environment and resource management, have included over 150 reports, essays and journal articles, testimony statements before the US Congress, and editing, reviewing or translation of more than 500 scientific documents. He has been the recipient of a number of awards and honors including the Virginia Life Achievement in Science Award (2003), the National Wildlife Federation Special Conservation Award (1976), and the Mathias Medal (1997) for his studies and efforts in spreading awareness of environmental issues of the Chesapeake Bay area.

JANET WEBSTER REPORTS FROM FAO

Since mid-March, I have been working in the Fisheries Department at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome. This work is part of my eight month sabbatical that included developing a recommendation for an institutional repository at Oregon State University. As to the project at FAO, Jean Collins and I are exploring ways to enhance access to the information needed to support implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. That mouthful means that we are describing the types of information needed for fisheries management work as it goes beyond pure science. Then, we are working with colleagues at fisheries institutes in Malawi, Mauritania, India and Thailand to document what kinds of information they have access to as well as what they produce. Finally, we are proposing strategies for enhancing the access to both local information and the mainstream. Some of these strategies involved digitization while others are improved communications at a local level. The end product will be a FAO Fisheries Circular that we will have completed by the next meeting of the FAO Committee on Fisheries in early 2005. Of course, we will be presenting some of this in Hobart next month. Hope to see you there! -- Janet Webster, Oregon State University Libraries

NSW FISHERIES LIBRARY, New South Wales, Australia, by Carolyn Bland, Librarian

The first Fisheries Department had its beginnings around 1879 when it was housed in the Garden Palace in Sydney. It came to an untimely end in 1882 when the building and all books and documents of the Department were totally destroyed by fire. Today we employ over 450 people scattered throughout the state of New South Wales and are primarily responsible for conserving the State's fishery resources.

The present NSW Fisheries Library is located at Hungry Point, Port Hacking in the southern Sydney suburb of Cronulla. The NSW government took over occupation of this site in 1984. The site had for the 45 years previous been home to the CSIRO Division of Fisheries and Oceanography now located in Hobart.

Our library provides a state-wide information service to staff in support of the research, management and field services. The collection of 5,000 monographs and 300 journal titles is a source of specialised information in commercial and recreational fishing, aquaculture, conservation of biodiversity, habitat protection and ecology. We have two members of staff, Carolyn Bland (Librarian), and Kathy Bown (Library Technician). Carolyn is presently serving on the conference planning committee raising sponsorships for the September IAMSILIC conference and hopes to have the pleasure of meeting many of you in Hobart

FISHERIES FACULTY LIBRARY, BRANCH LIBRARY SECTION, MAIN LIBRARY, KESETSART, BANGKOK, THAILAND, by Librarian Somjai Khuncharoen

Background

The library of Fisheries Faculty was established in 1959, as a reading room for staff before development to be the library of the Faculty of Fisheries.

The Fisheries Faculty library has been a Kasetsart University branch since 1987. The library has cooperatively administrated and provided services to staff and student based on the university library policy. Since 1999, the library has been set up as the part of Academic Supporting Division of the Faculty of Fisheries which is one of the departments of the Faculty of Fisheries.

Duties and responsibilities

According to the fishery-academic supporting purposes, text, journals, printed materials, studies

and current information related to fishery are collected and serviced to staff, students, researchers and public. Besides, we have exchanged Kasetsart University Fisheries, a research bulletin, to more than 230 internal and international addresses.

Problems and Obstacles

At present, there are problems and obstacles in developing our library because there are limitations:

1. Inadequate budget
2. Limited space
3. Lack of professional staff

However, we have always done our best to serve our people and public. We will keep on developing for the sake of users. We have never been discouraged with those limitations especially when we got a message from Eric Baran saying:

"I can tell you that I happened to know your library thanks to an American colleague who has been working in Thailand on fish too, and he told me that this library was the best in Bangkok to get information about fish" (E-mail from Eric Baran, November 3, 1997 :baran@biomserv.univ-lyon1.fr)

Opening Hours

The library is open from Monday through Friday, 8.30 am. to 4.00 pm. The library closed Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays.

Library Collection

Library has a collection of approximately 16,000 volumes of books, theses, bound journals with a current periodical subscription provided from the Kasetsart University Library.

The Collecting System of Information Resources and Retrieval

The Library of the Faculty of Fisheries is one unit of Kasetsart University Library Networks (KULINET) organized by the Main Library of Kasetsart University. The system employed for the information resources in this library is based on the Library of Congress Classification. Library materials are cataloged by the Main Library of Kasetsart University, which centralizes all technical operation.

The Library of the Faculty of Fisheries serves the faculty students, staff as well as those who are interested. Circulating service, information service, database retrieval service and interlibrary loans are provided.

Services include Circulation, Information Service, Internet Service, Interlibrary loans, Current content, Photocopying, Periodicals and Newspaper, and Clipping / Phamphlet

Future Plans

1. Develop the faculty library web site to join e-library system of the university.
2. Create fishery information web links and fishery database with other fisheries organizations.

REGIONAL GROUPS

Cyamus reports that they have settled on La Jolla as the location for their 2005 annual meeting.

Maureen Nolan, is the 2004 - 2006 regional representative

The 2nd **AFRIAMSLIC** meeting that was scheduled for Tanzania was cancelled because of the group's inability to secure needed funding for members to attend. A proposal has been sent to the IAMSLIC Board that will suggest that goals and objectives from the first meeting in Ghana be more fully developed.



from Jan Haspeslagh, EURASLIC President
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Le nouveau EURASLIC-website est arrivée !

Please have a look at www.euraslic.org -if you have not done so already in these past weeks- and enjoy! We have tried to give our site a fresh and simple look and we want to start using the site as a primary point of communication for our members and for all other interested partners. A forum has been installed, and this forum will gradually replace the current (commercially based) Yahoo! Groups mailing list. Forum moderator is Barbara Schmidt (bschmidt@ifm-geomar.de). Please contact her for more information on this service.

Gradually we will be adding new content to the site. For the moment we are in the process of digitising all Euraslic Conference Proceedings. These will be made available full text to members. Each citable contribution will be indexed separately, and will be downloadable as a pdf-file for members.

Even more important content to be added is the Euraslic Directory (see: <http://www.euraslic.org/projects.php>) that is well underway now. The Euraslic Secretary, Snejina

Bacheva (library@io-bas.bg) has sent out questionnaires to all National Representatives, and results start coming in. Due to the holiday season, a second call for information might be needed to acquire a substantial and representative set of data for this Directory, but we foresee to publish this Directory on line before the end of 2004.

Don't forget to mark your agenda in red, for the **EURASLIC XI-Conference, on 4-6 May 2005** in beautiful **Split, Croatia** (see: <http://nippur.irb.hr/euraslic/index.html>). This Conference will be held under the title '**Open Waters – Open Sources**' and will cover a.o. the very important topic of open-access information, and how to manage it. We are working hard now to compose a solid and interesting program, and a first call for papers will be sent out very soon.

MEETING REPORTS



The 14th Annual SAIL Conference report, by Liz DeHart, Denise Landry-Hyde, and Evelyn Poole-Kober.

Entitled "Getting More with Less, How to be 'Lean and Mean'

Machines in Sustainable Seas," the conference was held May 11 – 14, 2004 at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas and at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The conference was hosted by Liz DeHart at the UT Lab and by Denise Landry-Hyde at TAMU-CC. With participation beyond what was originally expected, total conference attendees included about 30 members and speakers.


The program consisted of varied topics and speakers, which included deep-sea dives in the Gulf of Mexico, hydrothermal vent exploration in the Arctic Ocean and Southwest Pacific, grey literature about migrant labor in the seafood industry, growing marine fish in captivity, virtual reference, e-journal management and open access journals, and other topics of a wide range of interests. There were five science presentations, eight library presentations or round table/panel discussions, and a G.I.S. hands-on workshop that was part science and part library-related. . The keynote speaker was the well-known deep-sea researcher, Dr. Sylvia Earl, who had the attendees spell bound during the course of her talk on deep-dives in the Gulf.

The conference web site may be found at
<http://www.mrl.cofc.edu/sail/2004frameset.html>.
The program of events is also listed at this site.

SAIL was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the IAMSILIC Executive Board to help defray the cost of hosting the regional conference. SAIL 2004 would like to extend its gratitude to the Board and all the conference attendees for helping to make this conference a rewarding and successful experience!

For those of you who didn't attend, we missed your fellowship, and you missed a very good program, good food, and the Texas coast (and the storm that flooded the roads and devastated some areas!)

Next year, Susi Ridenhour, will host the conference at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland. Conference information will be posted to the SAIL web page at
<http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/index.html>



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